

September 9, 2020

## Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

### Updates: Mainstem Columbia and tributary

#### Sturgeon:

##### **Columbia River, from Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River:**

Only Saturday, September 12 and 19, 2020, anglers may retain White Sturgeon between 44 inches minimum to 50 inches maximum fork length.

The daily white sturgeon limit is one fish, with an annual maximum limit of two fish. Only one single-point barbless hook and bait is allowed when fishing for sturgeon.

Catch and release fishing remains open on non-retention days. Anglers may also continue catch and release fishing even after the annual limit has been met. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

#### **Fishery Reports:**

**Lower Columbia mainstem Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam** – 1,181 salmonid boats and 154 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (9/5) flight count.

#### Salmon/Steelhead:

##### ***Mainstem Lower Columbia River***

**Sec 1 (Bonneville)** – 90 bank anglers kept five Chinook, one Chinook jack and released two steelhead. 52 boats/128 rods kept 57 Chinook, four Chinook jacks, one coho and released six Chinook and two Chinook jacks.

**Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal)** – 112 boats/264 rods kept 76 Chinook, five Chinook jacks and released five Chinook and four Chinook jacks.

**Sec 3 (I-5 area)** – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 70 boats/176 rods kept 18 Chinook, six Chinook jacks and released one Chinook jack.

**Sec 4 (Vancouver)** – 164 bank anglers kept four Chinook. 99 boats/248 rods kept 60 Chinook, 10 Chinook jacks, three coho and released one Chinook jack and two coho.

**Sec 5 (Woodland)** – 39 bank anglers kept two Chinook. 11 boats/27 rods kept three Chinook and two Chinook jacks.

**Sec 6 (Kalama)** – 120 bank anglers kept 21 Chinook. 28 boats/73 rods kept 23 Chinook and released two Chinook and one Chinook jack.

**Sec 7 (Cowlitz)** – 37 boats/103 rods kept 50 Chinook, three Chinook jacks and released two coho.

**Sec 8 (Longview)** – 32 bank anglers kept one Chinook. 31 boats/75 rods kept 26 Chinook.

**Sec 9 (Cathlamet)** – 7 boats/16 rods kept four Chinook.

## **Salmon/Steelhead:**

### ***Columbia River Tributaries***

**Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream** – 2 boats/6 rods released one Chinook and one coho jack.

**Above the I-5 Br** – 11 bank rods released three Chinook.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 158 fall Chinook adults, six fall Chinook jacks, 66 summer-run steelhead, 64 coho adults, two coho jacks, 56 spring Chinook adults, 15 spring Chinook jacks, 89 spring Chinook mini-jacks, and 24 cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 74 fall Chinook adults, one fall Chinook jack, 23 coho adults, and two cutthroat trout into the Tilton River and they released 18 spring Chinook adults, two coho adults, and four cutthroat trout at Franklin Bridge in Packwood.

Tacoma Power released 13 spring Chinook jacks and 73 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,640 cubic feet per second on Monday, September 8, 2020. Water visibility is 11 feet and the water temperature is 59.7 F.

**Kalama River** – Six bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

**Lewis River** – 17 bank anglers had no catch. 5 boats/7 rods kept one Chinook.

**Drano Lake** – 43 bank anglers kept three Chinook jacks and one coho. 92 boats/279 rods kept 78 Chinook, seven Chinook jacks, three coho and released six Chinook, two coho and 13 steelhead.

## **Catchable Trout Plants:**

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/reports/stocking/trout-plants>

## **Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:**

The 2020 program will operate from May 11 to September 30 in the lower Columbia River (mouth to Priest Rapids Dam) and the Snake River (mouth to Hells Canyon Dam). <http://www.pikeminnow.org/>

<b>Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2020</b>			
<b><u>Weekly Catch</u></b>			
<b>Aug 31 - Sept 6, 2020</b>			
<b>Station</b>	<b>Tags</b>	<b>Total NPM</b>	<b>CPUE</b>
<b>Cathlamet</b>	0	531	6.4
<b>Willow Grove</b>	0	1,008	13.8
<b>Rainier</b>	0	75	2.5
<b>Kalama</b>	0	196	5.9
<b>Ridgefield</b>	0	111	8.5
<b>Gleason</b>	0	62	4.1
<b>Chinook Landing</b>	0	365	14.0
<b>Washougal</b>	1	1,762	43.0
<b>Cascade Locks</b>	1	348	13.9
<b>Bingen</b>	0	1	1.0
<b>The Dalles</b>	0	37	1.6
<b>Giles French</b>	0	148	4.6
<b>Umatilla</b>	0	95	6.8
<b>Columbia Point</b>	0	35	3.5
<b>Vernita</b>	0	1	0.3
<b>Lyon's Ferry</b>	0	21	21.0
<b>Boyer Park</b>	0	383	5.6
<b>Greenbelt</b>	0	512	10.2